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Different ways to learn, one common goal

BY MELISSA MOSKO
Senior News Editor

Chemistry, philosophy, statistics and European history: you're not in high school anymore.

The first few months of freshman year can be challenging in many ways, but Xavier has created academic support systems for students to help.

The Learning Assistance Center, Math Lab and James A. Glenn Writing Center all provide free services for Xavier students of any level. The directors of all three agree one of the biggest assets of Xavier's academic support services is the peer-to-peer connection.

The Learning Assistance Center is tucked between Kuhlman and Husman Halls, and provides a wide array of services to Xavier students. The two main areas of service are assistance for students with learning disabilities and tutoring at large.

Ann Dinan, the new director of the LAC, says it is common for a student to enter college with an undetected learning disability.

"The academic atmosphere is very different, and students must do work on their own without a strict schedule," Dinan said. "In college, you are in charge of your own success - this requires tremendous skills which are learned in high school."

Students who find this kind of transition difficult may request testing from the LAC.

The LAC provides one-on-one tutoring for students in almost every academic discipline. Some subjects have Drop-In tutoring, in which a tutor will be available for help at a certain time each week. They also offer workshops to help students in time management and study skills. Also, students may arrange study tables at the LAC for group study.

"The Learning Assistance Center provides a warm, welcoming environment for students seeking aca-

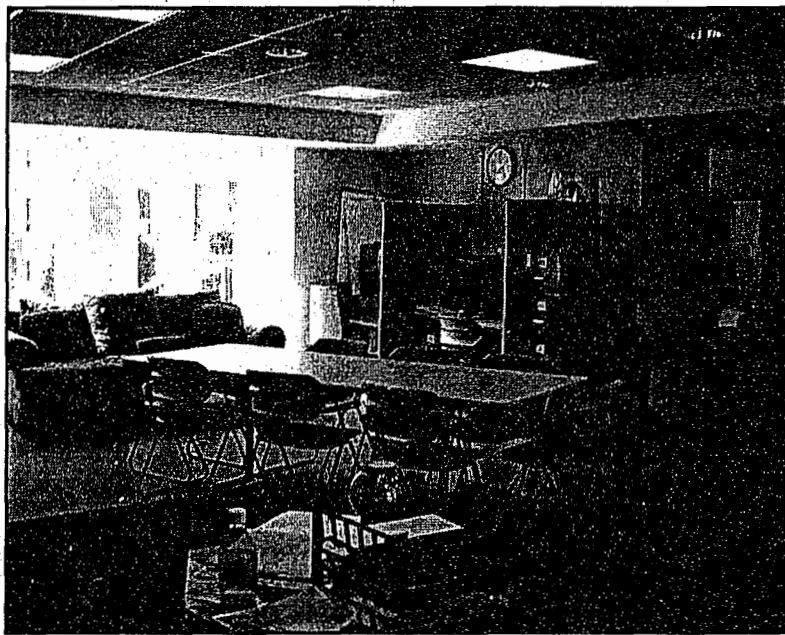


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The Learning Assistant Center helps students with disabilities and also tutors students in many subjects.

ademic assistance," Dinan said.

The Math Lab is located on the mathematics and computer science hallway of Hinkle Hall, room 126.

Six students, mostly math majors, staff the Math Lab. There are also some Physics Majors and Math Education graduate students who work there. There is always at least one student there.

If assistance above 171 is needed, arrangements may be made with the Director of the Lab, Dr. Sheila Doran.

"Math is one of the major courses that gives students trouble," said Doran. "There is a big need for math tutors, especially in statistics."

"My biggest piece of advice for freshmen is to stay on top of daily assignments," Doran concluded. "Even if it is not turned in or graded, it is worth the time."

The basement of Alter Hall houses many gems of the University. One of those gems, which resides next to the computer labs, is the James A. Glenn Writing Center, directed by Dr. Allison Russell.

The Center is staffed by eight undergraduates and two graduate students. The staff focuses on helping

students refine their writing and compositions. The students who staff the Center are required to take a three-credit-hour course on composition tutoring taught by Russell.

Students can seek help at any stage of the writing process, but the center requests that students come in at least one day before the assignment is due.

"Students should bring a copy of the assignment from the instructor, so the tutor can understand the assignment and the goal of the assignment," Russell said.

The Center's resources are available for students of all writing abilities, not just those who have difficulty with composition.

The services provided by the Learning Assistance Center, the Math Lab and the Writing Center are all free for students and are available most evenings and weekends.

"Students should not feel ashamed or embarrassed to use the services provided by the University," said Dinan. She, and all of the directors of the learning centers agree with their roles to campus: "We are here for the students."

Top Ten Advice List for Incoming Freshmen, according to Jackie Swift

10. Go to your 8:30s. They aren't as bad as you may suppose. Think of it this way: Getting up at 8 a.m. in high school was sleeping in!

9. Don't wait until you run out of underwear to do laundry. (PS - Guys, ALL of your dirty clothes will not fit in ONE washer)

8. Don't stay up until 4 a.m. every night just because your mom isn't here to make you go to bed. You WILL regret it.

7. Be outgoing. The first week of freshmen year is not the time to be shy. Everyone else is looking for new friends, too.

6. Be open with your roommate. If something they do bothers you, tell them. Don't wait until Fall Break and then just move out without warning.

5. If you are homesick, that's okay. Chances are, whether or not they admit it, everyone else on your floor is too.

4. You are now considered an adult - act like one. (i.e. don't knock over trashcans, it's not as cool as you might think)

3. Do your homework - it's not that bad!

2. Soupie's is not really the coolest place on earth, close, but not quite

1. Have fun! You are finally in college, live it up, try new things and make the most of it!

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Health insurance waiver cards

Do not forget to get your health insurance waiver cards to the Health and Counseling Center. This year, the school has a new waiver policy. The Health and Counseling Center is charging every full-time undergraduate student for the school's insurance until they send in proof that they have other coverage.

The deadline to get your waiver cards in is Sept. 2 and after that the \$640 charge will be on your account permanently.

Space Maximizers

Space maximizers are available for pick up Friday, Aug. 22 or Sunday, Aug. 24 on the residential mall. This shelving unit helps maximize space in the confined area of a dorm room. It gives students a place to store books, picture frames and other dorm room items.

If you have not purchased one yet, it is not too late. They will also have some space maximizers to purchase on Friday and Sunday.

On campus employment fair

The on-campus employment fair will be held on Monday, Aug. 25 in the Cintas Banquet Room from 9-11a.m. You must be awarded Federal Work Study or University Employment in your financial aid package by the Office of Financial Aid to be eligible to attend the Fair. If you have any questions, call the Center for Career and Leadership Development at 745-3141.

Schiess: Always Willing to Help

BY MELISSA MOSKO
Senior News Editor

His office appears to be like any other on campus.

But upon entering, one can't help but notice the windowsill: on it rests a weaved basket flanked with thousands of thank-you cards from students and parents all over the United States.

Adrian Schiess' official title is the Director for the Office of Retention Services, but for freshmen, he is their foremost advocate and friend.

The Office of Retention Services was founded in 1990, and the Director became an advocate for freshmen, designed to help with adjustments in all facets of university life. Schiess has become the University go-to-guy for many issues arising in the first two years of college life.

Retention Services dips into many other services on campus and designs programs to make the transition from high school to college as smooth as possible. The office organizes a letter-writing campaign to parents, sends mid-term grades to 99 percent of the parents of the freshmen class, sends out a tri-annual

newsletter to freshmen parents, intervenes in residence halls, funds and organizes First Year Experience wings in dormitories, and monitors academic progress through the freshmen success program.

Schiess identifies the major obstacle freshmen face as lack of perspective. "New students rely on their expectations, and if those aren't met, they are upset," he said. "The University thrives on the expectations of its students, but a compromise must be met."

"The first people to hear about a student's problems are the parents," he said. "Parents will hear about issues during phone calls home," Schiess continued. What usually happens next is parents calling different offices around campus,

and never really getting to the root of the problem. For this reason, Schiess makes a campaign to par-

the work, however. Says Schiess, "I don't think we could have the successful retention and graduation rates if the other systems don't work as well."

Schiess works closely with Residence Life, the Bursar, the Registrar and the Deans to get students the information they need, and get the right people solving problems that arise.

If the job seems too big for one man to handle, it is. The University has approved the hiring of an Assistant Director of Retention Services to help with upperclassmen.

Schiess knows that transitional problems don't end after freshmen year, so the two will split duties, one working with underclassmen and one with upperclassmen.

Schiess' advice for incoming freshmen is simple: Investigate.

"Freshmen can't be shy," he said. "They must avail themselves of the services provided on campus: residential, academic and financial."



Photo Courtesy of Melissa Mosko

Adrian Schiess, Director for the Office of Retention Services

ents during PREP to use his office and encourage their children to utilize his office as well.

"I'm not necessarily going to hold their hand, but I will be an arm or a shoulder to lean on while we work through issues," he said.

Retention Services cannot do all

College Safety

BY LISA DEGENHART
Assistant Campus News Editor

Safety is an important concern for any college student whether they are on or off campus.

Students should always be aware of the need to protect themselves and their belongings.

Opportunity theft is the most common crime committed on Xavier's campus. Each year, an average of 90 thefts are reported. These crimes include the theft of book bags, textbooks, laptops, and other dorm room items.

Many students leave their backpacks unattended and their dorm rooms unlocked, assuming a few minutes will not make much difference. Remember - all a thief needs is opportunity. Even if you are just going to the bathroom or a friend's room down the hall, always lock your bedroom door.

When venturing off campus, students should also be aware of the danger of opportunity crimes. Do

not let yourself be a victim. Even though it may seem immature, use the buddy system. At night, take advantage of the University shuttle service, which is there for your protection. Sometimes, this area is not as safe as it may seem.

Even if you remain on campus for your night-time activities, it is still important to be careful and pay attention to your surroundings. There are always four officers on patrol at night, so if you feel like you are in danger, or in an uneasy situation, call Campus Police and they can send you a police escort back to your dorm.

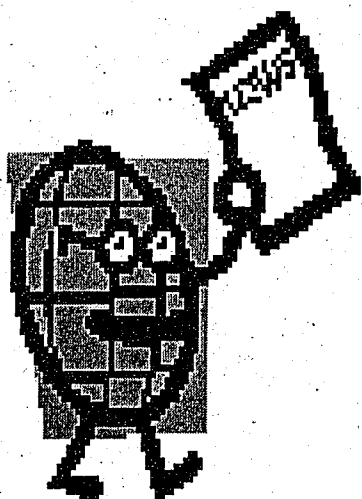
Remember, do not be a victim. Take the necessary steps to protect yourself - walk with confidence in groups, and use common sense. Also remember to protect your belongings - do not leave your valuables lying around and never leave your dorm room open. Campus is only as safe as you make it.

10 Safety Tips for Incoming Freshmen

Courtesy of Campus Police Officer Ken Grossman

1. Lock your car and keep all valuables hidden, or take them out of the vehicle.
2. Use the shuttle service or walk in groups when out after dark.
3. Keep an eye on your textbooks. Textbook theft is one of the biggest crimes on college campuses.
4. Lock your door to your room, even if you are only out for a short time.
5. If you have a laptop, make sure you take it with you everywhere.
6. Use a small lock box for your valuable items in your room.
7. Keep a record of the valuable property you bring to school, or, better yet, leave valuables at home.
8. Be a tough target: Walk with confidence and use common sense.
9. Stay sober: Alcohol can affect your judgment and increase your chances of being a victim.
10. Don't keep all your valuables in your book bag; take only what you need to have with you. When you go out, take only your ID, small amount of cash and one credit card.

Interested in being a part of Xavier? Want to make some money in your spare time? Well, *the Newswire* is looking for writers and photographers. Keep an eye out for us at Club Day on the mall!



Getting ready with Becky Reidy

BY TARA DIXON

News Features Editor

If your first few days at Xavier aren't nearly as scary and nerve-racking as you thought they'd be, thank senior Becky Reidy and the rest of the Manresa staff.

Reidy is a music education major from Syracuse, N.Y. She is the Manresa staff coordinator, in charge of most of the behind-the-scenes work, such as setting up rooms and move-in day.

Reidy chose to come to Xavier because of the size. "I graduated from a class of 150," she said about her high school's small enrollment.

She liked Xavier's small music program, but she mostly chose Xavier for the overall attitude. "Everyone welcomes you," she said.

When she first arrived on campus, one of her main concerns was not being able to meet anyone, and admits it was difficult at first.

"I just got involved with things," she said.

In addition to Manresa, she is involved with the Board of Ambassadors, Student Alumni Association, Student Leadership Coordinator of Peer Leadership Team, and the Homecoming Committee, among others. Her Manresa experience also helped her meet new people, and she also connected with a girl in

her dorm, Liz, who also didn't know anyone else.

"This is our third year living together now," she said.

When the inevitable roommate issues do arise, Reidy advises the incoming freshmen to keep an open mind.

"It's a new person," she said. "You have to change your lifestyle a little bit and listen to their music or go to bed earlier."

There are adjustments that have to be made on both sides to be able to get used to the other person.

"You have to get used to them and compromise. Talk to them, hang out, and get to know them better," Reidy advises.

The biggest adjustment for Reidy from high school to college was the classes.

"I actually had to read the readings and pay attention," Reidy said.

But remember that everyone else is going through the same adjustments.

"Don't be afraid to ask for help," she said. "Everyone needs to ask for help sometimes."

Managing her time with classes and studying became more important. Another big adjustment was her parents not being nearby, giving her freedom to make her own decisions.

"It was a good thing,"

she said of her sudden independence.

Although the newfound independence college offers is great, Reidy believes you have to limit yourself.

"Remember you're here for education," she stresses.

Time management skills are important as well. "You need to know when to keep going and when you need a break," she added.

When things did get difficult, Reidy said it helped that she still talked with her family a lot.

"When I met Liz, it was easy and we could deal with it together," she

"Don't be afraid to ask for help. Everyone needs to ask for help sometimes."

- Reidy

said, since they were going through the same experiences together.

There is one thing Reidy regrets she didn't know before she arrived at Xavier: "You don't have to pack your whole room from home. I wish

I was told not to bring as much as I did."

Most importantly, Reidy offers one final piece of advice to this year's freshmen: "Enjoy college. It goes by real fast. Before you know it, you'll be a senior."



Senior Becky Reidy is excited to help freshmen move to campus.

Becky's Top Picks

Favorite Food at the Cafeteria: Grilled Cheese

Favorite Professor: Dr. Tom Merrill

Favorite Class: *Understanding Catholicism*

Favorite Activity: Student Alumni Association

Favorite Movie: "Ladybugs"

Favorite Band: Nickel Creek

Favorite Color: Purple

NEWSWIRE

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Welcome to Xavier, hope you have fun

This area is *The Newswire* staff editorial. Here you can find the staff's opinion on a variety of subjects that we think concern Xavier students.

You are holding the Manresa issue of *The Newswire* and we're sure you know what that means. It means that for the next 10 months you'll be calling Xavier University home, and that you're starting a new direction in your life.

For most people, this is the first significant amount of time you'll be away from your parents. For some, it feels liberating, while for others, it feels terrifying.

Most people are caught somewhere in the middle, they're excited to be at school, but maybe feel a little uneasy about being in a new environment with all these new people.

We just need to remind you of one thing, everyone feels the same way you do.

You know how you're wondering what your roommate is going to be like for the rest of the year? Well your roommate wonders the same thing about you.

The important thing to remember is that your experience at Xavier is going to be as good as you make it.

Club Day is coming up, and we encourage you to join a few clubs. In fact, join more than you think you can handle.

Join something you've never been a part of before, but looks interesting.

A lot of people complain about college and say there's nothing to do, or nothing to be excited about. Odds are, these people sit around watching television all day, study

at the last minute, and don't become active in anything on campus.

To them, college seems more like a job, instead of an experience. You can have the best four years of your life here at Xavier University, and it all starts this weekend.

Manresa is something for which Xavier is known. This freshman orientation program is looked at by the nation on how orientations should be done.

Now, you might find some other freshmen who refuse to participate, or decide that sleeping in is more important. It's almost a waste of their time to be here for this weekend, as they don't experience anything they wouldn't experience at home.

There are others who will mope their way to Manresa and stand around without participating. They're half-way there, but don't take that final step to actually participate.

We're positive that every Manresa leader had an amazing time at their Manresa, and that you can have just as good of an experience. All you need to do is go there with a positive attitude, be ready to try new things and enjoy yourself.

It's time to accept that your friends from high school aren't around you anymore, and it's time to make some new friends.

So here's the deal. You check back here every week in *The Newswire* with an open mind to learn and grow, and we'll supply the material needed to stay on top of things going on around campus.

Have a good first weekend Xavier students, and we'll see you next week.



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STAFF TALK

What was your favorite experience from freshmen year?



"The disappointment on my dad's face after I told him I had a 2.5 GPA"

Dave Gilmore
Senior Sports
Writer



"Late night trips to Waffle House."

Lisa Degenhart
Assistant Campus
News Editor



"Lifeguarding in Brazil"

Melissa Mosko
Senior News
Writer



"Being asked if I was helping my son move in."

Steve Metzger
Sports Editor



"Being made to squeal like a pig in the Brockman showers."

Dan Cox
Editor-in-Chief



"Late night trips to the KFC drive through!"

Jackie Swift
Campus News
Editor



"Making Dan squeal like a pig in Brockman's shower."

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* Monday, August 25th

MEIJER

Event: Welcome Back to Xavier
 Event Features: Discounts to XU students with All-Card
 Time: 12:30 to 10 pm
 Pick Up: Herald Ave., Grassy Area Outside Husman
 Free transportation every hour starting at 12:30 pm

Event: Henna Tattoo Artist
 Time: 12 noon to 4pm
 Place: Lower Level – GSC

Event: Ceramic Mugs (Make your own)
 Time: 12 noon to 4pm
 Place: 1st Floor – GSC

Event: Beyond the Wall – Poster Sale
 Time: All Day
 Place: GSC Courtyard

* Tuesday, August 26th

Event: Beyond the Wall – Poster Sale
 Time: All Day
 Place: GSC Courtyard

* Wednesday, August 27th

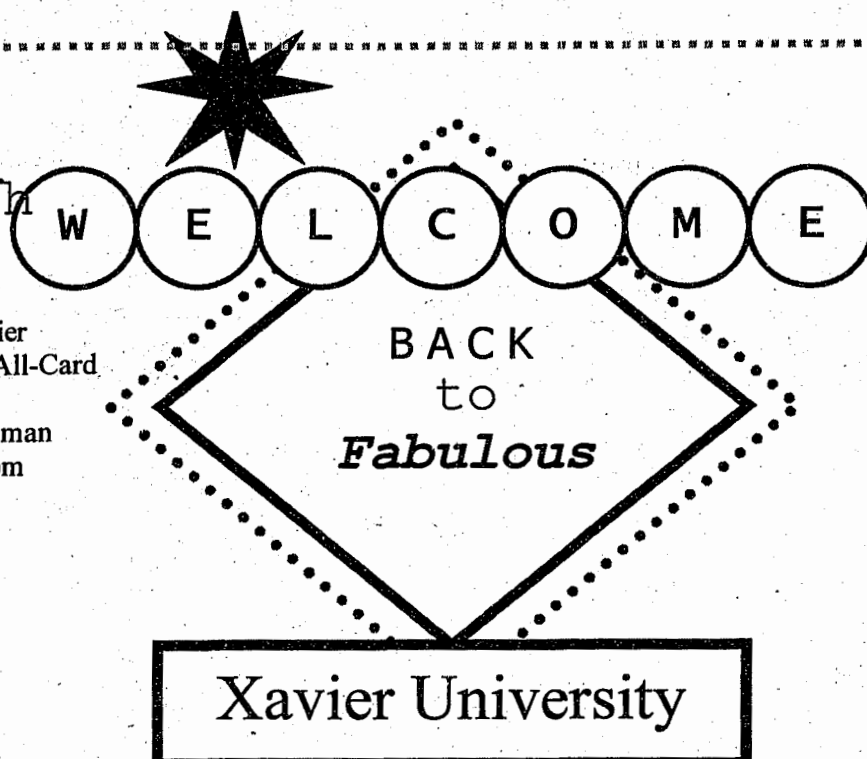
Event: Beyond the Wall – Poster Sale
 Time: All Day
 Place: GSC Courtyard

* Thursday, August 28th

Event: Bingo Extravaganza
 Time: 10pm to Midnight
 Place: GSC Food court

* Friday, August 29th

Event: Hypnotist Paul Parsons
 Time: 9pm
 Place: GSC Theater



Events Sponsored by:

XU SAC
 WEBN
 Meijer
 Montgomery Inn
 Gallagher Student Center

* Saturday, August 30th

Event: PIGNIC
 Time: 4pm to 8pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
 Place: Greenspace

* Sunday, August 31st

Event: WEBN FIREWORKS
 Time: Shuttles 5 pm to 8 pm
 Place: Downtown Cincinnati

BRIEFS

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Sato named to Wooden preseason team

For the second straight year, senior Romain Sato was named to the Wooden Preseason All-American Team.

ESPN analyst Dick Vitale listed Sato on his Preseason All-Rolls Royce Second Team.

The summer also included a trip to Egypt to compete for the Central African Republic in the All-Africa Olympic qualifier for the 2004 Athens games.

Cross country runners earn accolades

Junior Chris Tieke and senior Jennie Illig were named to the Verizon Academic All-District Teams this past summer.

Illig was not only placed on the second team for the second time, but was also named to the A-10 women's cross country All-Academic Team for the first time at the close of last season.

Tieke was named a member of the All-District First Team.

Soccer games moved for the month of September

Due to the renovation of the Xavier Soccer Complex, several games for the men's and women's soccer team have been moved off-campus.

The renovation includes the replacing of the grass surface with FieldTurf. FieldTurf has been adopted by many professional and college venues for its similarity to natural grass and its advantages over AstroTurf.

Cross country gets new coach

Steve Nester was recently named the head coach for both the men's and women's cross country teams.

Nester had been named the Cincinnati Enquirer Coach-of-the-Year in 2001 and 2002 while the head coach of Turpin High School.

Atlantic 10 unveils new look for '03-'04

BY DAVE GILMORE
Senior Sports Writer

The Atlantic 10 Conference, comprised of 12 NCAA Division I-A athletic programs, including Xavier, recently unveiled its new logo as part of a newly developed "brand identity program."

The brand identity program is another step in solidifying the A-10 as one of the most exciting and burgeoning conferences in college athletics.

The new logo places more emphasis on the conference's nickname, the "A-10," but maintains the traditional red, white and blue color scheme. The A-10 has also developed new animated graphics for television broadcasts.

Commissioner Linda Bruno stated in last week's press release that "...we are the Atlantic 10, but we have always been better known as the A-10. Over the years, we have shied away from that, but our new logo and branding embraces the A-10 name more fully."

The new brand identity program was announced on the 28th anniversary of the founding of the conference, which took place on Aug. 13, 1975.

The Atlantic 10 conference is comprised of Dayton, Duquesne, Fordham, George Washington, La Salle, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph's, Temple and Xavier.



THE WEST WATCH



Selected in the first round (18th overall) in the 2003 NBA Draft by the New Orleans Hornets



ATTENTION FRESHMEN

If you like sports and writing, chances are you'll fit right in here.

Drop us a line at newswire-sports@xavier.edu, or call us at x5755. Trust us, it's better than being in the band.



Dave Rants

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

BY DAVE GILMORE
Senior Sports Writer

Welcome back, everybody. I would use this space to talk about all the summer's big sports stories (Kobe Bryant, Maurice Clarett, Malone and Payton on the Lakers, etc.), but unfortunately I haven't been paying too close attention.

This is because, of course, I've been chained to my couch playing "NCAA" and "Madden 2004" the entire summer. It's a hard knock life.

Anyway, we're back here at X and in for a great year of sports. But first, let's get some ground rules straight.

The following phrases should under no circumstances be uttered in any sports conversation on this campus: "rebuilding year," "upside," "quarterback controversy," and "pound-for-pound." Come on guys, you're better than that.

Also, I guess there's no stop-

ping the talk of XU being carted off to the Big East. But until it actually happens, can we keep the rumors to a minimum?

And finally, I'd like to see a little more enthusiasm from the student section during home basketball games. Last year, hot dog-throwing incidents were down 100 percent from the previous year. Unacceptable.

By the way, we're preparing the fall sports preview where you can read about how the rifle team is in a rebuilding year, how the men's soccer team has tremendous upside, and how our volleyball team is pound-for-pound the best in the conference.

So, while we wait for preseason college basketball rankings to come out and the Red Sox to have their annual September collapse, sit back, relax and enjoy the last precious days of summer, I know I will. I'm out like Michael Vick.

What's On Tap?

Friday, August 22

- * Women's soccer at Northern Kentucky at 11:30 a.m. #

Friday, August 29

- * Volleyball vs. University of Maryland-Baltimore County at Jacksonville Tourney 4 p.m.
- * Women's soccer at Miami (OH) at 5 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

- * Men's soccer at Michigan State 1 p.m.

denotes exhibition

All home games are in bold

Home volleyball games are played in the Cintas Center

Home soccer games are played at the Xavier University Soccer Complex

Visit www.xavier.edu/athletics for complete up-to-date coverage of all XU sports.

Saturday, August 30

- * Volleyball at Jacksonville Tournament

GAME OF THE WEEK



Due to the lack of scheduled games this week, the Game of the Week will be played in Dave's apartment on his Playstation2.

BRIEFS

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Places for Entertainment

As the thrilling introduction to the Divisions section suggests, this is normally the place where you'll find briefs on upcoming events around Cincinnati.

Unfortunately, the drawer containing the list of activities caught fire and was attacked by a cougar.

So, in place of briefs, we've decided to supply you with a list of movie theaters, record shops and video stores around the area.

Movie Theaters

Showcase Cincinnati
1701 Showcase Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45237
(513) 699-1500
www.nationalamusements.com

AMC Theatres Newport On The Levee 20
One Levee Way
Newport, KY 41071
(859) 261-6742
www.amctheatres.com

The Esquire
320 Ludlow Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 281-2750
www.esquiretheatre.com

The Mariemont
6906 Wooster Pike
Mariemont, OH 45227
(513) 272-0222
www.mariemonttheatre.com

Record Shops

Everybody's Records
6106 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45213
(513) 531-4500
www.everybodyrecords.net
Mon. - Sat. 11am-9pm
Sun. 12-6

Shake It Records
4156 Hamilton Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45223
(513) 591-0123
www.shakeitrecords.com
Mon. - Sat. 11am-9pm
Sun. 12-6

Video Stores

Hollywood Video
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Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 631-3000

Blockbuster Video
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Welcome to the Newswire's Divisions section

LONG-WINDED EXPLANATION OF THE DIVISIONS SECTION

BY JIMMY DILLON
Divisions Editor

The Divisions section of the *Newswire* would like to greet all the new students of Xavier. Since there isn't much room in this paper for anything other than ads, we'll have to skip the greeting this week and simply pummel you with dumbed-down lists and self-gratifying advertisements.

Basically, Divisions is the movies & music section of the *Newswire*.

Every week we'll offer new CD reviews as well as write-ups on recently premiering movies. In addition, there is a weekly "battle" section in which two writers will argue about an already released movie.

But wait, there's more! Take a look at the left portion of this page for briefs on upcoming events in the Cincinnati area. At the bottom of the page, there will be listings for CDs being released this week. Next

to the releases sections is 'Live Wire,' a portion of the page devoted to listing some upcoming musical acts in the Cincinnati area.

If you're interested in writing for this section please sign up during Club Day at the *Newswire* table. To send hate mail, buzz us at newsire-divisions@xavier.edu.

Be sure to grab a *Newswire* next week for a full edition of Divisions.

Divisions' Top Five Movies of the Summer:

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| 1. Seabiscuit | 4. Winged Migration |
| 2. Finding Nemo | 5. X2: X-Men United |
| 3. Matrix Reloaded | |

Gold Bond or Chaffing?

ASST. DIVISIONS EDITOR TONY AND DIVISIONS EDITOR JIMMY BATTLE OVER THE LATEST BOND FLICK, 'DIE ANOTHER DAY'

Jimmy SAYS:

After a somewhat disappointing showing the last two movies — "The World is Not Enough" and "Tomorrow Never Dies" — Pierce Brosnan delivers in a revamped Bond flick in "Die Another Day."

This isn't exactly your father's Bond, James Bond. "Die Another Day" offers high-octane stunts and continuous action along with the familiar playin' by Bond.

Bond isn't just fighting the normal Communist Russians and Chinese. This time, he takes on North Korean terrorists and their plans for creating a catastrophic war.

The movie starts with a death-defying hovercraft chase through Korea. Bond continues to pursue leads on a newly devised weapon of mass destruction which brings



James Bond: The real weapon of mass destruction. Boo-ya!

him to beautiful Greenland, complete with ice palace and snowmobile chases.

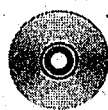
With the great action, "Die Another Day" features some of the best Bond girls in recent memory with Halle Berry and newcomer Rosamund Pike. This Bond flick is a must for all action movie fans.

Tony SAYS:

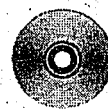
I suppose I should start this off by saying that I saw "Die Another Day" on a plane. I suppose I should also say that I was falling asleep and turned off the movie with about 30 minutes left. While I'm in the mood for confessions, I'll reveal that I haven't seen any official

Bond movies that were made before Timothy Dalton and his oddly blemished face last donned a tux in "License to Kill." So, while some may argue that I have no business offering my unenlightened Bondian insights, I counter that I offer a fresh perspective.

Well, I thought "Die Another Day" kinda sucked. There was hardly an action scene that wasn't stained with the brush of a digital effects artist. Call me old-fashioned, or sadistic, or both, but I like watching an action scene and knowing someone almost got decapitated during the filming process. After viewing a majority of the action scenes in "Die Another Day," the only risk to the cast was the possibility of the blue screen tipping over. They should fire Pierce and resuscitate David Niven's corpse.



New Releases



The following discs are due for release on or before August 19 ...

Alien Ant Farm *truANT* (produced by Robert and Dean DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots) (DreamWorks) ... **Bow Wow Unleashed** (So So Def/Columbia) ... **Dandy Warhols** *Welcome to the Monkey House* (Capitol) ... **Kenny Loggins** *It's About Time* (All the Best!) ... **MC Mighty Casey** *Original Rudebwoy* (Traffic) ... **Jessica Simpson** *In This Skin* (Columbia) ... **Neil Young & Crazy Horse** *Greendale* (Reprise)

... all dates are tentative.

Live Wires

Friday, August 22
The Starting Line
@ Bogart's

Friday, August 22
Home Grown
@ Bogart's

Friday, August 22
The Shantee
@ Mad Frog

Saturday, August 23
Craig Karges
@ Cintas Center

WEDNESDAY

August 20

Hello Class of 2007! And those involved in **Manresa** for the orientation of the Class of 2007! And those who moved in early because their roommate is involved in **Manresa** for the orientation of the Class of 2007! Um, and everyone else who's reading this too. Yup, that about covers it.

For this **Manresa** issue of the *Newswire*, we figured there is not a more welcoming character for our picture of the week than everyone's favorite giggling little buddy, **Elmo**! And you guessed right, in a surprise announcement, **Elmo** is now running for governor of California. The star of the no. 1 TV show for preschoolers is going head to head with **Kindergarten Cop**.

Is that an earthquake that just hit L.A.? Aw naw, it's everyone in Cali trembling with anticipation.

For all you newcomers out there, this here **Calendar City** will be brought to you week after week by the likes of **Dan Arbezni** and **John Houser**. We will be here to supply you with a sarcastic and condescending forecast of the upcoming events in the life of **Joe** and **Jane Musketeer** intersplined with obscure movie quotes and attempts at **witty** sayings. Enjoy.

For all you **Manresa** Fan-frickin'-natics out there, **Manresa Star Search** will be going down at 9:30 in the Theatre. And for those not in **Manresa**, there's nothing going on. Go hang out at your friends' new house or something.

Calendar City

By John Houser. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu or ML 2129.

THURSDAY

August 21

Wow, I bet after reading all the events going down on Wednesday, you think there's no way that Thursday could ever match that level of **sickening** excitement. Boy, were you wrong.

For instance, in an action-packed day for **Manresa** training, there is a Disability Awareness session at 3:30 p.m. in the Cintas Center. If I were **Jim Murphy** and this was last year's **Calendar City**, I might make an improper joke right here. But unfortunately, for you, I'm not, and I won't.

Today is also the 67th birthday of **Wilt Chamberlain**. Not only did he score 100 points in one basketball game, but he also claims to have had sex with over 20,000 women. I can't tell you which one is more impressive, but I can tell you which one is more likely to give you a nasty **infection**.

Today is also National **Forgiveness** Day, so I'll use that as the reason that you have to let me slide for not finding any actual events going on today.

FRIDAY

August 22

Get out the Kleenex to dry up the tears of the parents and the



And today's show is brought to you by the words, "democratic catastrophe."

Voban to dry up alcohol-induced vomit on their newly freed children, it's **Freshmen Move-In Day**! What's a better way to be introduced to Xavier University than to wait in a line of cars for a few hours with your parents, have a group of rabid strangers grab everything you own and run with it, and watch ROTC guys see who can carry the heaviest **appliance** up to the sixth floor of **Kuhlman**? God knows I haven't thought up anything better.

Playfair will be taking place tonight at 9:30 on the Cintas arena floor. You'll meet lots of people you won't remember, and hey, maybe even this time you'll get to be the **Top Banana**.

SATURDAY

August 23

For all of you that thought **Manresa** wouldn't be able to stand up to the challenge of bringing you a **crazy-go-nuts** time two days in a row, I best hope that you didn't bet your life savings on it, because then you'll be as broke as my joke(s).

Things will be starting off with a huge **BLAM!** as **Manresa Day Two** starts off all-out at 7:30 with a..... filmstrip. Ok, maybe you won't lose that bet completely.

The day is far from lost though, my friends, for at 9:30 mentalist **Craig Karges** will blow people's minds in Cintas Center. **Karges** is so frickin' cool, I would poop myself if he asked me to, but he probably wouldn't even have to ask me because he could just make me do it with his **super mind powers**. This man rocks my world! Yow!!

SUNDAY

August 24

Today, all upperclassmen are allowed to move into on-campus housing. All first-year students will be blindfolded, packed into buses, and shipped down to Milford while upperclassmen are allowed into their rooms and given **free reign** on the freshmen's possessions.

MONDAY

August 25

Classes start today! Lucky for you, however, you are probably one of the 95 percent of this school who does not have a Monday class that starts after 4pm, so you've got one **more day of freedom**. If not, then hopefully your professor buys your excuse next week when you tell him or her that you thought classes didn't start until Tuesday.

For all of you with meal plans, food services begin at the **James E. Hoff Student Dining Center**, from now on known as the **Hoff Trough**. Words of advice: if you aren't in a dorm and have a meal plan, get rid of it now! The price per meal when you do the math is so much higher than if you just pay up front, you might start punching yourself in the face right there for not noticing earlier. All gifts and letters of gratitude can be sent to the *Newswire* and will be passed onto me from there.

Note: The *Newswire* is not liable for any injuries caused by self-inflicted punches to the face.

TUESDAY

August 26

First day of classes for the rest of us. You might as well go to them, sure, you're probably not going to do anything worthwhile in them, but first impressions only happen once, or you only get one shot, or they make the world go 'round. Something like that. **Houser** and **Arbo** in ya mofo face!

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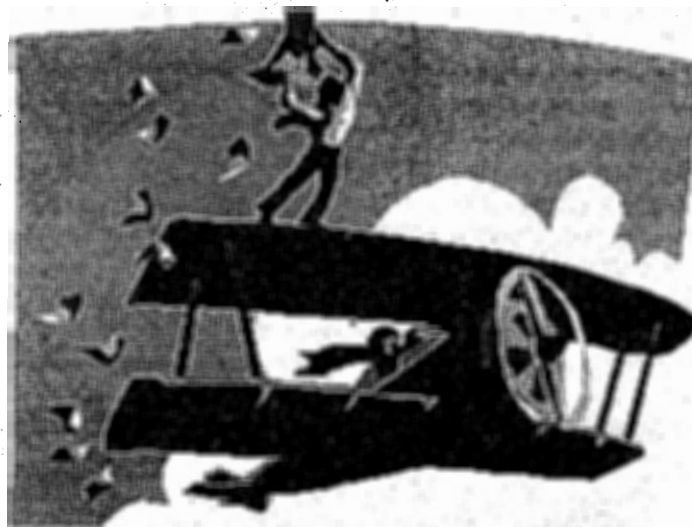
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